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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 20.   (Canceled)

21.   (Previously Presented) A method for implementing a preferred viewing library of programs, comprising:
   monitoring the viewing activity of a user;
   saving the viewing activity of the user in a database;
   searching electronic program guide data for a program satisfying a criterion based upon the viewing activity of the user stored in the database;
   determining whether a program in the program guide satisfies the criterion;
   in the event a program in the program guide satisfies the criterion, scheduling to record the program at a predetermined time;
   monitoring the time and then determining whether the present time is the predetermined time;
   in the event the present time is the predetermined time, notifying the user that the program is to be recorded and confirming whether the program should be recorded;
   in the event it is confirmed the present time is the predetermined time, recording the program; and
   organizing the recorded program in a program library such that a user may select the program from the program library and view the recorded program at an appropriate time.

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22.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a user selection criterion;

saving the user selection criterion in the database; and

executing said searching step and said determining step based upon the user selection criterion stored in the database.

23.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

in the event there are two or more users, selecting one of the two or more users based on user identifying information, wherein the user identifying information includes at least one of: a password and biometrics;

monitoring the viewing activity of the selected user;

saving the viewing activity of the selected user in a database unique to the selected user; and

executing said searching step and said determining step based upon the viewing activity of the selected user stored in the database.

24.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

in the event there are two or more users, selecting one of the two or more users based on user identifying information, wherein the user identifying information includes at least one of: a password and biometrics;

receiving a user selection criterion from the selected user;

saving the user selection criterion in a database unique to the selected user; and

executing said searching step and said determining step based upon the user selection criterion stored in the database.

25.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the program is recorded on a hard disk drive.

26.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the program is recorded on a floppy disk drive.

27.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the program is recorded on a writable optical media drive.

28.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the program is recorded by a recording device having memory controller.

29.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the program is recorded on a recordable digital versatile disk (DVD).

30.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the program is recorded on a videocassette.

31.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the program is recorded on a recordable CD-ROM.

32.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the program is recorded on a floppy disk.

33.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the program is recorded on a hard disk.

34.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the program is recorded in a semiconductor memory.

35.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, further comprising, in the event no program is identified, searching electronic program guide data periodically.

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36.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 28, further comprising, in the event no program is identified, searching electronic program guide data upon receiving an update of electronic program guide data.

37.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising, before monitoring the viewing activity of the user, in the event there are two or more users, selecting one of the two or more users based on user identifying information.

38.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 37, wherein the user identifying information includes a password.

39.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 37, wherein the user identifying information includes biometrics.

40.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 37, further comprising alerting the selected user, prior to recording.

41.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 40, wherein the selected user is alerted by an alarm.

42.   (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 40, wherein the selected user is alerted by a remote contact by coupling via the worldwide network.